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1. Ammunition factory B-08 is located about 4.5 kilometers southwest of Trzebnica (N51-19, E 17-03). A highway from Trzebnica leads to the main entrance of the plant on the south-east side. The spur line of the plant connects with the Wrocław (Breslau) - Leszno line. The railroad entrance is across from the main plant entrance.
2. Construction of B-08 began in 1947 and, according to plan, should have been completed in 1950. However, in view of Soviet interest in beginning operations as soon as possible, a larger number of workers was employed in construction and the plant was completed in 1949. In the spring of 1950 it was already in operation.
3. The entire plant complex covers an area of about 1,200 meters by 800 meters and is surrounded by a wall 3 meters high. The factory equipment is very modern.
4. Factory buildings consist of:
 - a. The main office which is housed in a two-story building located east of the main entrance. The Soviet control commission has offices in this building.
 - b. A large L-shaped building west of the main entrance. Cartridge cases are manufactured in this building.
 - c. A small repair shop.
 - d. Two large underground departments, located next to the main office building, where small-arms ammunition is manufactured. Both departments, one 12 meters and the other 15 meters underground, are covered by three strata: a layer of cinder and sand, a layer of iron wire, and a thick layer of reinforced concrete. Both departments have modern equipment.
 - e. The so-called powder factory, 80 x 45 meters, which is north of the main office building. The various mixtures of powder from semifinished products which arrive from the outside are prepared here. Of the eight sections making up

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the plant, the most important is the research section which no one can enter but the 32 persons employed there.

- f. The electric power plant and boiler building north of the powder factory.
 - g. Warehouses which are one-story buildings of masonry construction, 80 x 30 meters, located north of the electric power plant. The finished products are stored in the warehouses. In the northeastern corner of this area there is a section in which ammunition for submachine guns and rifles is manufactured.
 - h. Experimental section and laboratory in the southwest corner in which ten men, under the continuous surveillance of the military commission, check the ammunition which is ready for shipment.
 - i. Three underground production departments which are next to the experimental section. These departments, equipped with modern machines supplied by [redacted] firms, manufacture ammunition for light machine guns and submachine guns. 25X1
 - j. Several small buildings in the northwest corner in which are located shops and warehouses for raw materials and semifinished products.
 - k. The executive office of the plant which comes under the Ministry of Defense and which is guarded by military personnel.
5. Engineer Lieutenant Tadeusz Zdoba, [redacted] is manager of the plant. 25X1
 Aleksēi I. Amayey, a Russian, is chief of the Soviet control commission.
6. The following is produced at B-08:
- a. Cartridge cases for the ammunition manufactured at the plant.
 - b. Ammunition for infantry rifles of 7.92-mm. caliber and 9-mm. caliber. Seventy percent of the shells are for 7.92-mm. rifles and 30 percent for the 9-mm. rifles. Overall daily production is two carloads.
 - c. Ammunition for submachine guns having a caliber of 7.62 mm. Daily production is approximately one carload.
7. The railroad spur is used for the delivery of raw materials and semifinished products and the shipment of the finished products. Shipment of finished products is made once a week and is done by military prisoners who come to the factory with the empty cars.
8. The ammunition for small arms is packed in cartons and then in cases which, when packed, contain about 3,000 individual rounds. The ammunition for submachine guns is packed in cartons before being placed in boxes; each carton contains 32 rounds.
9. Security is maintained by a company of soldiers in addition to about 15 men who belong to the factory militia.

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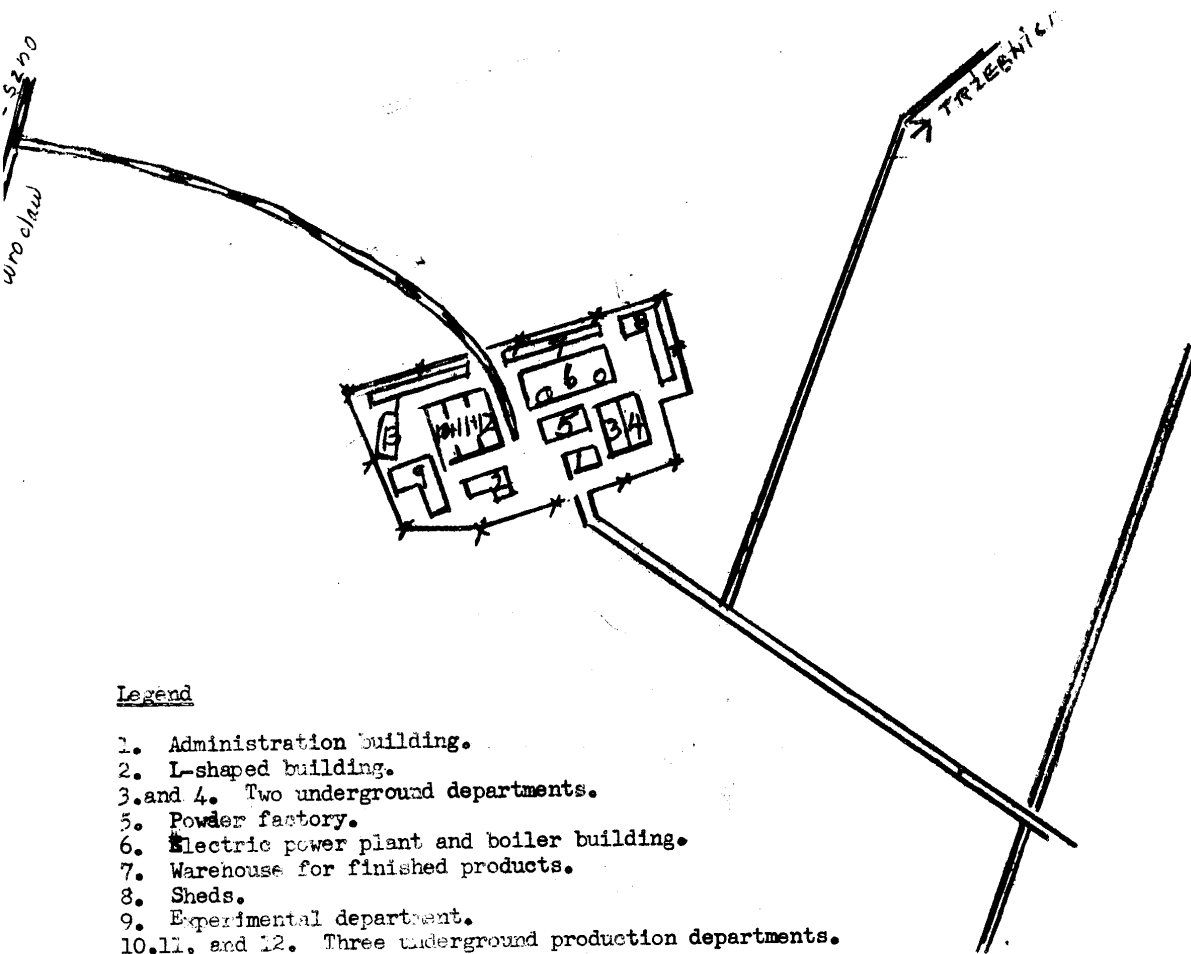
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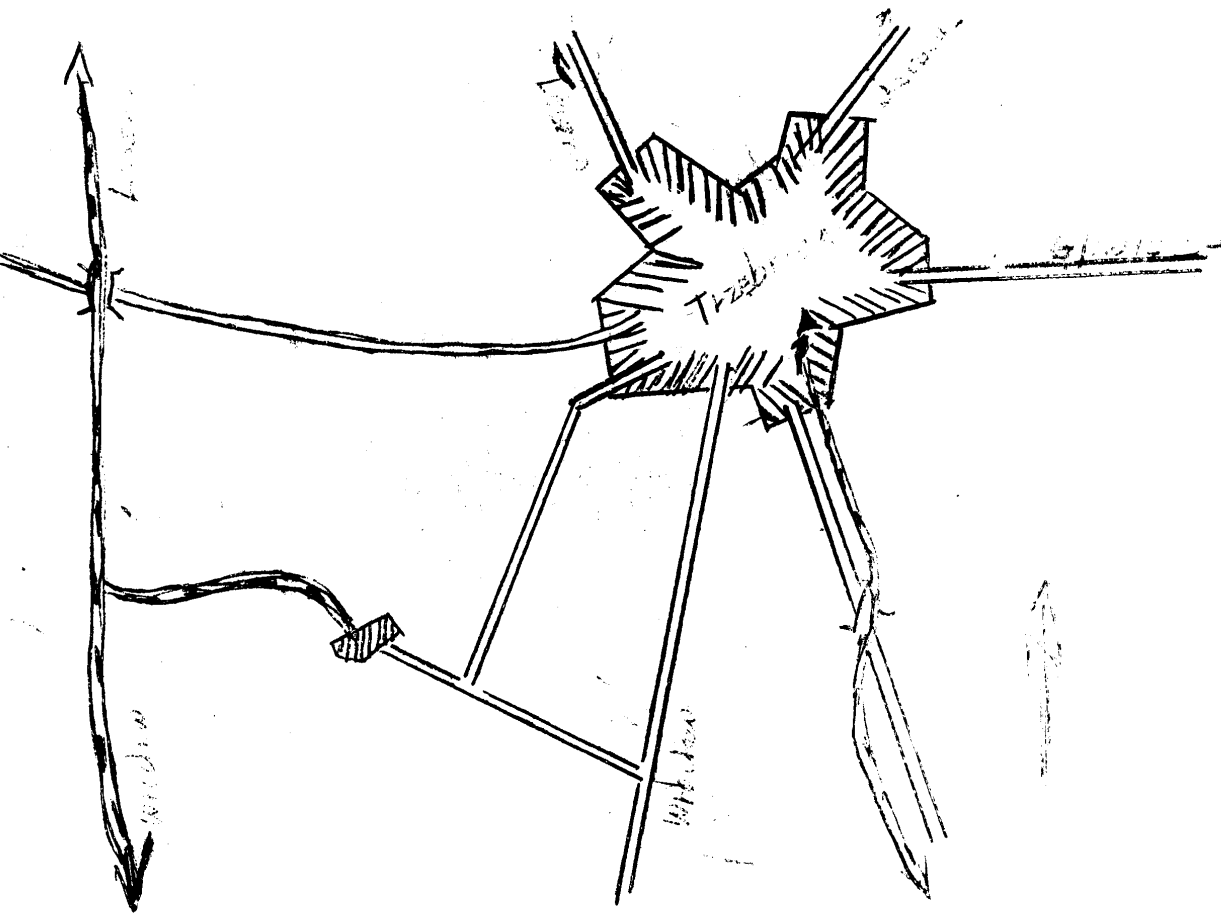
1. Administration building.
2. L-shaped building.
- 3 and 4. Two underground departments.
5. Powder factory.
6. Electric power plant and boiler building.
7. Warehouse for finished products.
8. Sheds.
9. Experimental department.
- 10, 11, and 12. Three underground production departments.
13. Various warehouses.

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